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The next meeting of the Association will be held with Enterprise church, M. & O. and N. O. & N. E. R. R., Thursday before the Fourth Sunday in September, 1894.



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MINUTES.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THE CHICKASAHAY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met in its Eighteenth Annual Session with the Sandersville Baptist church at 10 A. M., September 21, 1893. Devotional exercises were conducted by Elder Charles G. Elliott. The Moderator, Elder J. W. Bozeman, called the meeting to order and announced the Association ready for business. The Moderator announced the following committees:

On Reading—W. H. Hardy, L. A. Duncan.

On Devotional Exercises—O. D. Bowen, T. J. Hardy, A. E. Husbands, D. J. Herrington.

On Finance—W. S. Lott, W. H. Patton.

The churches were represented as follows;

Augusta—L. E. Hall.

Big Creek—Not represented.

Buckatunna—By letter.

Clear Creek—B. S. Ramey, W. H. Elkins.

Concord—Jesse Carter.

DeSoto—F. M. Neely, C. H. Meeks.

Ellisville—T. J. Hardy, J. F. Parker, J. M. Bush, M. G. Turner.

Eastabuchie—J. D. Bonner.

Enterprise—C. S. Ray.

Fairfield—J. F. Martin.

Fairmount—By Letter.

Forty-first Avenue—Charles G. Elliott, L. A. Duncan, A. C. Hulett.

Fifteenth Avenue—W. J. David.

Highland—J. R. Farish.

Harmony—By letter.

Heidleberg—By letter.

Hepzibah—Not represented.

Lauderdale—Not represented.

Laurel—J. A. Pack, J. W. Patterson.

Meridian—J. W. Bozeman, W. H. Hardy, J. N.

Melton, W. S. Lott, C. F. Woods.

Mount Zion—R. E. Busby, S. Busby.

Narkeeta—Not represented.

New Hope—F. M. Gray.

Pachuta—J. H. Rogers, R. C. Rogers.

Poplar Springs—Not represented.

Quitman—By letter.

Salem—W. B. Robinson, E. D. Prescott.

Sandersville—A. E. Husbands, D. J. Herrington.

Shubuta—L. N. Brock, W. H. Patton.

State Line—By letter.

South Side—C. C. Dunn.

Thompson's Creek—Not represented.

Vossburg—Not represented.

Yellow Creek—Not represented.

On motion, the Association was organized by the election of J. W. Bozeman, Moderator and O. D. Bowen, Clerk.

Petitionary letters were called for, whereupon Bro. J. Sumrall presented a letter from Oak Grove church asking for admission into this body.

On motion, the church was received and the hand of fellowship extended the delegate by the Moderator.

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On motion, the hour for meeting and adjourning was adopted as follows: Meet at 9 A. M., adjourn at 12 M.; meet at 2:30 P. M., adjourn at 5:30 P. M.

Visiting brethren being invited to seats, the following names were enrolled: A. V. Rowe, Corresponding Secretary Convention Board; B. N. Hatch, State Sunday School Evangelist of State Convention Board; L. E. Hall, Pearl Leaf Association and representative Baptist Record; C. C. Vaughan, Bigbee Association, Ala. Benj. Thigpen and J. D. Lee, Salem Association.

Committee on Devotional Exercises made a partial report as follows: Elder J. M. Phillips being absent Elder A. V. Rowe will preach the Associational Sermon at 7:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association convened at 2:30 o'clock.

Sang hymn "Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed."

Prayer by Bro. B. N. Hatch.

The Augusta church made request for letter of dismission from this body.

On motion, the request was granted.

On motion, the following corresponding messengers were appointed:

Bethlehem Association—W. J. David, L. A. Duncan, J. W. Bozeman.

Salem Association—W. H. Patton, M. G. Turner.

Mt. Pisgah Association—J. N. Melton, A. Gressett.

Gulf Coast Association—J. A. Hackett, L. A. Duncan, Charles G. Elliott.

Pearl Leaf Association—W. H. Hardy, C. F. Woods.

Yallobusha Association—J. R. Farish.

Liberty Association—W. H. Patton, L. N. Brock.

General Association—J. A. Hackett, C. S. Ray, M. G. Turner.

On motion, the consideration of the subject of Missions was fixed for 10 A. M. to-morrow.

On motion, members of the press and citizens of Sandersville were invited to seats on the floor of Association.

On motion, the consideration of report on Sunday Schools was fixed for 3 P. M. to-morrow.

Secretary Rowe made appeal in behalf of Jackson Baptist church building; and, upon proposition submitted by Bro. T. B. Bonner, \$106.10 was pledged to be paid in thirty days.

On motion, J. F. Parker was elected Treasurer of Association.

On motion, the following committees were appointed.

On Missions—W. J. David, M. G. Turner, F. M. Gray.

Education—L. N. Brock, J. H. Rogers, J. A. Pack.

Sunday Schools—L. A. Duncan, J. Sumrall, B. S. Ramey.

Temperance—T. J. Hardy, W. B. Robinson, Jesse Carter.

Publications—W. H. Patton, R. C. Rogers, J. D. Bonner.

Sustentation—W. H. Hardy, J. F. Martin, T. D. Prescott.

Nominations—J. F. Parker, J. N. Melton, W. H. Elkins.

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Colportage—C. C. Dunn, J. R. Farish, C. S. Ray.

Woman's Work—Charles G. Elliott, J. W. Patterson, A. C. Hulett.

Ministerial Education—C. S. Ray, J. A. Hackett, C. C. Vaughan.

On motion, adjourned.

Benediction by C. C. Vaughan.

SPECIAL HOUR—The Associational Sermon was preached by Secretary A. V. Rowe. Text: "Many there be which say of my soul. There is no help for him in God." Ps. 3-2. Subject: God's help in man's extremity.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Association met at 9 A. M.

Prayer by Bro. C. C. Vaughan.

Minutes of preceeding day were read and approved.

On motion, it was resolved that all titles to names of ministers and delegates be dropped from record of Association minutes.

Petitionary letters were called for, whereupon C. C. Vaughan presented a letter from Barnett church asking for membership in the Association.

On motion, the church was received and the hand of fellowship was given the delegate by the Moderator.

A letter from Pachuta church was read by W. H. Hardy, setting forth the condition and needs of our church there, and asks the kindly consideration and help of the Association towards raising means with which to pay a debt now hanging over the church to amount of about \$200. A collection for said purpose

was conducted by L. N. Brock and \$56 was pledged by the several brethren representing as many churches.

Sang hymn "Stand up, Stand up for Jesus."

The special hour for report on Missions having arrived, a partial report was submitted by W. J. David, which was discussed by Secretary Rowe, after which pledges for State Missions were made by representatives of the churches amounting to \$552.50.

On motion, adjourned.

Benediction by Charles G. Elliott.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association convened at 2:30 o'clock.

Sang hymn "Sowing in the Morning."

Prayer by Bro. M. G. Turner.

W. H. Hardy read report on Sustentation, which was discussed and amended as follows: That a committee of three be appointed to propose some permanent plan to our Convention Board by which a permanent fund may be raised for sustentation of destitute ministers and widows and orphans of deceased ministers.

On motion, the report was adopted and the following committee was appointed: W. H. Hardy, W. H. Patton, L. A. Duncan.

L. A. Duncan read report on Sunday Schools, which was discussed and pledges were taken from several Sunday Schools for support of Sunday School Evangelist. The report was further discussed, and, on motion, it was recommitted.

W. H. Patton read report on Publications, which was discussed, and, on motion, adopted.

T. J. Hardy read report on Rawls Springs High School, which, on motion, was adopted, and on motion, the following committee was appointed to dispose of the Rawl Springs High School property by a tender of our interest in the school to Pearl Leaf Association: Committee—J. F. Parker, J. D. Bonner, O. D. Bowen.

T. J. Hardy submitted report on Temperance, and on motion, the discussion of report was fixed at 11 A. M. to-morrow.

On motion, adjourned.

Benediction by Chas. G. Elliott.

NIGHT SERVICE—A large congregation assembled at 7:30 P. M. Elder Charles G. Elliott preached from the text found in John 5:39. (Revised Version). "Ye search the scriptures because ye think that in them ye have eternal life and these are they which bear witness of me." Subject: The search for eternal life.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Sang hymn "Am I a Soldier of the Cross."

Prayer by L. E. Hall.

Minutes of preceding day were read and approved.

Charles G. Elliott read report on Woman's Work, to which was appended report of Vice President Woman's Work, and, after discussion, was adopted.

On motion, Sister Georgia Dees Phillips was re-elected Vice President Woman's Work.

L. N. Brock read report on Education, which was discussed and adopted.

The following preamble and resolutions were sub-

mitted by J. R. Farish, and after discussion were adopted:

"Whereas, Bro. L. M. Stone, formerly President of the Shuqualak Female College, has, in connection with the friends of education in the city of Meridian, organized and equipped for the higher education of the young ladies and girls of the South, and especially those of our section, the Stone Female College.

Resolved 1st. That we regard Bro. Stone as being one of the best educators in our country.

Resolved 2d. That we pledge to him our hearty co-operation and support, in as far as we can consistently do so, in his efforts to build up and maintain a College which shall be in all respects the equal of any school in the South."

L. A. Duncan submitted report on Sunday Schools, which had been recommitted, and on motion, it was adopted.

W. J. David submitted and finished the reading of report on Missions, which was discussed, and on motion, adopted.

C. S. Ray read report on Ministerial Education, which was discussed and adopted.

J. F. Parker submitted report on Nominations, which was adopted.

The following resolutions were offered by W. H. Patton, which, on motion, were adopted:

"Resolved 1st. That the thanks of this Association be and are hereby most cordially and sincerely extended to the good people of Sandersville and vicinity for their hospitality, as shown by the manner in which they have entertained this Association, visitors and messengers.

Resolved 2d. That \$25 be allowed the Clerk of this Association for his services."

A letter from Oak Grove church was read, and, on motion, was incorporated in the minutes.

The time fixed for discussion of report on Temperance having arrived, it was taken up, discussed and adopted.

C. C. Dunn read report on Colportage, which was discussed and adopted.

On motion, the following executive committee was appointed, whose duty it shall be to attend to all needful Associational business between the present session of this body and the next, such as institutes and other matters: Committee--L. A. Duncan, L. N. Brock, O. D. Bowen, W. J. David, J. W. Buckley.

W. H. Patton read report on Finance, which was adopted.

Preamble and resolutions on Mississippi College were submitted by J. R. Farish, and, on motion, were adopted and are published in another place in these minutes.

Moved and carried that the Secretary of Sunday School Institute, which was held the day preceding the meeting of this body, be requested to formulate his report and that it be embodied in the minutes.

The following resolution was offered and passed:

"That it is the sense of this Association that the Convention Board should become responsible for the entire salary of Evangelist G. W. Knight, that he may be free from pecuniary influences, and that he shall take collections for such work."

On motion, adjourned *sine die*.

Prayer by J. R. Farish.

J. W. BOZEMAN, Moderator.

O D. BOWEN, Clerk.

ORDAINED MINSTERS---THEIR POST-OFFICE.

Bozeman, J. W.	Meridian Miss
Bowen, O. D.	Ellisville, Miss
Brock, L. N.	Shubuta, Miss
Breckenridge, R. A.	Meridian, Miss
Culpepper, W. S.	Meridian, Miss
Crawford, J. O.	Shubuta, Miss
David, W. J.	Meridian, Miss
Farish, J. R.	Meridian, Miss
Gressett, A.	Meridian, Miss
Hackett, J. A.	Meridian, Miss
Howze, W. J.	Pachuta, Miss
Jones, A. I.	DeSoto, Miss
Knight, G. W.	Waynesboro, Miss
Mixon, I.	Shubuta, Miss
Norris, L.	Shubuta, Miss
Phillips, J. M.	Shubuta, Miss
Phillips, J. E.	Enterprise, Miss
Powell, A. A.	Meridian, Miss
Ray, B. S.	Enterprise, Miss
Sumrall, R. W.	Shubuta, Miss
Sammons, J. M.	Poplarville, Miss
Turner, M. G.	Ellisville, Miss
West Wil-on	Waynesboro, Miss
West, W. Z.	Shubuta, Miss

Licentiates.

G. D. Best, W. B. Moritz, Willie McKeiver, M. C.
 Martin, F. M. Neely, A. H. Smith, G. L. Taylor,
 Woodward.

Tabulated Statement of Facts and Figures.

No. of churches.....	35
No. of ordained ministers.....	24
No. of licentiates.....	8
Additions by baptism.....	123
Additions by letter.....	224
Additions by restoration.....	11—358
Losses by letter.....	172
Losses by exclusion.....	20
Losses by erasure.....	40
Losses by death.....	21—253
Present membership.....	2,425
No. of Ladie's Aid and Mission Societies...	16
No. of Sunday Schools.....	23
No. of Sunday School scholars..	1,575
No. of officers and teachers.....	157
No. of meeting houses.....	32
No. of pastor's homes.....	2
Value of all.....	\$42,250.00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

For State Missions.....	\$ 450.43
For Home Missions.....	303.72
For Foreign Missions.....	423.59
For Ministerial Education.....	148.25
For Sustentation.....	11.30
For Mississippi College.....	35.00
For Baptist Bible Society.....	4.25
For Sunday School expenses.....	473.26
For home expenses including pastor's salaries	8,219.24
For miscellaneous objects	6,208.74
For Associational purposes.....	75.65

Total\$ 16,353.43

CHICKASAHAY ASSOCIATION.

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DATE.	PLACE.	MODERATOR.	CLERK.	TREASURER.	PREACHER.	MEMBERS.
1876, Dec. 2	Shubuta.	W. D. Northrup	F. C. McGhee	M. E. Norris	W. D. Northrup	599
1877, Nov. 3	Enterprise.	O. D. Bowen	"	F. C. McGhee	T. J. Walne.	609
1878, Nov. 29	State Line.	O. D. Bowen	"	J. P. Seabrook	O. D. Bowen	696
1879, Sept. 5	Shubuta.	W. D. Northrup	"	F. C. McGhee	W. B. Crumpton	717
1880, " 3	Meridian.	J. W. Bozeman.	"	"	J. M. Phillips.	634
1881, " 2	Quitman.	W. D. Northrup	"	"	J. W. Bozeman.	581
1882, " 22	Buckatunna.	J. M. Phillips	"	"	W. West.	778
1883, " 28	Enterprise.	J. W. Bozeman.	"	"	W. H. Carroll.	932
1884, " 26	Shubuta.	"	"	"	J. W. Bozeman	1032
1885, " 25	Ellisville.	"	"	"	L. M. Stone.	1054
1886, " 24	Quitman.	"	"	"	J. W. Bozeman	1339
1887, " 23	Heidelberg.	"	W. M. Conner	W. M. Conner	L. E. Hall.	1582
1888, " 21	Hattiesburg.	S. O. Ray	"	"	T. S. Powell.	1770
1889, " 27	Waynesboro.	J. W. Bozeman.	"	"	J. B. Gambrell.	2018
1890, " 26	Ellisville.	"	"	"	J. A. Hackett.	2350
1891, " 25	Meridian.	"	"	"	G. W. Knight.	2316
1892, " 22	Shubuta.	"	O. D. Bowen	J. P. Meyer.	J. A. Hackett.	2426
1893, " 21	Sandersville.	"	"	J. F. Parker	A. V. Rowe.	2425

Prepared by J. W. Bozeman from J. G. Flournoy's file of Minutes.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

The next annual session of this body will be held with the church at Enterprise, Miss., on the M. & O. and N. O. & N. E. R. R., on Thursday at 10 A. M., before the fourth Sunday in September, 1894 Elder Charles G. Elliott will preach the Associational Sermon, with Elder L. N. Brock as his alternate.

It is decidedly better for the Clerks of the churches to use the blank church letters, and it is quite important for them to be careful in reporting all contributions made during the year, or the Association Clerk cannot give a correct report in the statistical table.



REPORTS.

Sunday School Institute.

A meeting of the Sunday School Institute was held at Sandersville September 20, 1893, at 2 P. M.

The Institute was organized by election of Bro. O. D. Bowen, Chairman and Bro. W. S. Lott, Secretary. Bro. Bowen read Psalms 67. Prayer by Bro. T. J. Hardy. Song: "How Firm a Foundation," etc.

The following Sunday Schools were represented:

Meridian—C. F. Woods, W. S. Lott.

Forty-first Avenue—L. A. Cuncan, C. G. Elliott, A. C. Hulett and Misses Herring and Thames.

Fifteenth Avenue—W. J. David.

Ellisville—T. J. Hardy, O. D. Bowen.

Sandersville—T. B. Bonner, M. W. Waldrop, A. E. Husbands, A. McDaniel and Mrs. S. O. Bonner.

DeSoto—C. H. Meeks.

Shubuta—L. N. Brock, W. H. Patton and Mrs. L. N. Brock.

Waynesboro—Mrs. J. N. Ketler, Miss Clyde Heidelberg.

Eastabuchie—J. D. Bonner.

Upon motion, the present organization was made a permanent one.

Upon motion, Bro. L. A. Duncan was elected stationer for the Institute.

Upon motion, the printed programme was adopted, and discussion of the following subjects was listened to with marked attention.

1. THE SUNDAY SCHOOL IDEA—(a) Object of the Sunday School. (b) Its scope and dangers. (c) Relative to the church. Discussed by Bro. W. J. David and others.

2. PLAN OF ORGANIZATION—(a) The Superintendent, his qualifications, how chosen. (b) Secretary and his duties. (c) Teachers and their obligations. Discussed by Bro. W. H. Patton and others.

3. CHARACTER OF TEACHING—(a) Order in class. (b) The "Truth in Love." (c) Bible doctrine-book in hand. Discussed by Bro. C. F. Woods and others.

The discussion of the aforesaid subjects was able and scriptural and helpful. Bro. L. A. Duncan added a number of good things to the many good things said by others, and Bro. Bowen expressed himself as believing the addresses at this Sunday School Institute have been free from objections without exception, and on the whole better than any he has listened to.

On motion, adjourned subject to call of chairman.

Prayer by Bro. Chas. G. Elliott.

O. D. BOWEN, Chairman.

W. S. LOTT, Secretary.

Report of Treasurer of Chickasahay Association, 1893.

1892.

Sept. 24. By cash from finance committee \$59 02

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Sept. 29. To draft J. J. W. Mathis....\$ 5 00

Nov. 8. By cash O. D. Bowen..... 54 02—\$59 02

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. MYER, Treasurer.

Report of Clerk of Chickasahay Association, 1893.

1892.

Nov. 8. To am't printing 500 minutes	\$53 10
To stationery, stamps, etc. . . .	3 70
To am't paid for expressage. . .	1 10
To am't Clerk's fee.	25 00—\$82 90
Nov. 8. By cash from J. P. Myer. . . .	54 02
" By cash from others.	7 50

1893.

Sept. 21. By cash from collection at Association.	21 38—\$82 90
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Respectfully submitted,

O. D. BOWEN, Clerk.

Report on Finance, Sept. 1893.

Your committee report the following contributions sent up by the churches and their disbursements as follows:

For Foreign Missions.	\$24 05
For State Missions.	12 50
For Home Missions.	16 65
For Ministerial Education.	6 25
For Associational purposes.	72 35
Received from cash collection taken up at the Association.	21 40
By am't handed Sec. A. V. Rowe. . .	\$59 45
By am't handed Clerk O. D. Bowen to pay balance due for 1892. . . .	21 40
By am't handed J. F. Parker, Treas. .	72 35

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W. H. PATTON,
For Committee.

Report on Missions.

It is with profoundest humility and gratitude we acknowledge the blessings of our Heavenly Father upon the labor of His servants, both those in Jerusalem and

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the regions round about, and those far hence among the Gentiles.

We are gratified to be able to record that many of the churches within the bounds of our Association have had blessed seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, and many have been the births in the home of our King.

We rejoice to know that there is but little destitution within our Associational territory, and this is being supplied in many instances by our faithful and self-sacrificing pastors, who preach in school houses and the homes of the people. However, it remains a deplorable fact that most of our churches are sadly in need of development in Christian activities and liberality. We would urge upon our pastors the great importance of magnifying their office as overseers, not by doing the greater part of church work themselves, but by developing and directing the talents, energies and the "grace of giving" in the churches, and thus hasten the gladsome day when every town and hamlet and neighborhood shall have the gospel regularly and weekly preached to them and none be left to ask, know ye the Lord:

STATE MISSIONS.

What is true of our section of country is true also and is applicable to all sections of this grand old commonwealth of ours. From the Tennessee line to the seawashed shores of the South, from the great Alabama borders to the "Father of Waters," with every morning sacrifice new hosannahs arise because of the glad tidings that the hosts of God have achieved new victories and are pressing onward to still greater conquests.

It is a temptation to review the great work of God through the churches and pastors of our State as reported in the faithful old Record from week to week, but time would fail us, even were it in the province of this report so to do.

It is with a considerable degree of gratification that we glance at the achievements of our State Board through its noble and efficient secretary, Rev. A. V

Rowe, and equally faithful and self-sacrificing missionaries.

The field embraces several sections of our State, and many points of interest requiring a great outlay of money. God's blessings have been great upon the work.

Reports from the different parts of the field show an average of ten persons baptized to each missionary receiving aid from the Board, or a total of 314 baptisms, being one for every \$20 expended upon the field. Let it be remembered also that much other work besides preaching is being done by these servants in the employ of the Board, such as organizing churches and Sunday Schools, distributing tracts, circulating the Record, making religious visits and holding prayer meetings. But if the cost of saving one soul was more than it here appears, let us appreciate the fact that the salvation of one sinner cannot be valued in dollars and cents, and that in proportion to the money expended, our mission work makes a better showing in results than our settled pastorates.

The work could be and ought to be greatly enlarged. Many feeble churches need help, not only in having the gospel preached to them, but also in procuring houses in which to worship. The cry is one of great need. The work is at our doors. "The poor," said our Lord, "ye have with you always, and whensoever you will ye may do them good."

In view of what has already been accomplished in our midst, as well as in other parts of the State, through the earnest help of the missionaries of this Board, let us thank God and take courage, and not rest satisfied while our unsaved is seeking the way of life.

Therefore, we recommend that we renew our fidelity and liberality to the cause of State Missions by systematic contributions from each member of each church, and pray that the time may speedily come when we can have the fulfillment of our motto: A Baptist church and a Baptist Sunday School in every community.

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HOME MISSIONS.

In reporting upon Home Missions your committee feel that we cannot do better than incorporate into our report extracts from the reports made at the State Convention at Summit, and the Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville, Tenn.

"The questions that seem to greatly perplex the minds of many of our brethren—Why so many different organizations for carrying on our missionary work? What is the necessity of the Home Mission Board? Why cannot all the work be done by the Associations and State Convention?—is answered, in the opinion of your committee, by reference to the work done last year by the Home Board:

Number of missionaries.....	368
Weeks of labor.....	14,014
Sermons and addresses.....	5,111
Churches constituted.....	155
Houses of worship built.....	92
Bibles and Testaments distributed.....	1,740
Total cash receipts for the year.....	\$106,989 58

The Board is doing a work that is done by no other organization. It is aiding the various State organizations in sustaining their missionaries occupying their destitute sections in the larger cities, towns and country."

"As an illustration of this truth, take out of this Convention to-day the representatives of those churches which in their infancy were helped in their struggles for life by the Home Mission Board, and the contributions they have made, and how startling would be the result. The representatives of prominent churches in every State, and especially from nearly every capital of every State, representatives from Richmond, Washington, Raleigh, Columbia, Atlanta, Tallahassee, Montgomery, Jackson, Baton Rouge, Austin, Little Rock, Jefferson City, Nashville and a hundred other places would disappear from the floor of the Southern Baptist Convention and the withdrawal of their contributions would leave a fearful hiatus in the financial record of the Southern Baptist Convention Boards."

The Home Mission Board has made arrangements with our State Board to help support missionaries in several important points in our own State to the amount of \$,1500 this year.

Your committee would, therefore, recommend that our churches be urged to take a deeper interest in the work of this Board and to give it a place in their contributions and prayers."

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The report of the Foreign Mission Board of last year was the most encouraging made in many years. Every land occupied by our missionaries sent reports of decided proof of the progress of our work among those far off nations. At Nashville this year the Convention Committee reported: "We find abundant reason to thank God the signal manifestation of his presence with the Board during the centennial year, a year of arduous toil, fervent prayer and a rich experience, which experience hath begotten a hope, the brightness of which will cheer our people for years to come," and even to-day

"Each breeze that sweeps the ocean
Brings tidings from afar,
Of nations in commotion,
Prepared for Zion's war."

A larger number of new missionaries have been sent to the foreign fields the past two years than ever before in the history of our Board.

We now have in our Mission fields ninety-two missionaries, fifty-three of whom are women. We also have seventy-eight native helpers.

Number of baptisms last year.....	383
Number of organized churches.....	75
Total church membership.....	2,923

The contributions from the churches have also increased considerably during the past year. However, all is not brightness. We regret that a single shadow should cast its gloom over this report. It is a sad fact that with the account of open doors and the Macedonian cries from Papal and Pagan fields alike, comes also the

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pathetic appeals for reinforcements and for means to press forward. Not only is it true that we are unable to enter these open doors, it is a deplorable fact that all of our stations at present occupied are in great need of more laborers. We have a number of consecrated men and women of God who are ready to go for the Master, but the Board has not sufficient means to send them.

Therefore, your committee recommend the following resolutions adopted by the State Convention at Summit:

Resolved 1st. That every pastor in the State be asked to urge upon each one of his churches the importance of the Foreign Mission work and secure contributions to the same.

Resolved 2d. That prayer be made continually by pastors and members for a revival of the missionary spirit among the Baptists of Mississippi, that we may come up to some measure of our duty to this work.

Resolved 3d. That they be asked to extend the circulation of the "Foreign Mission Journal" among their members as being the best means of reviving their interest in the Foreign Mission work.

W. J. DAVID,
M. G. TURNER,
F. M. GRAY,

Committee.

Report on Education.

We are glad to report that our people are coming to appreciate more and more the importance of educating their children. There is also an increased interest in denominational education. That is to say, that parents feel that an education does not consist in simply an acquaintance with school text book, but that it means the development of the moral nature, as well, and that this cannot be had except in religious institutions of learning. We urge that our people patronize Mississippi College for boys, and Blue Mountain, Hillman College, Stone Female College of Meridian, Shuqualak Female College, Carrollton Female College and Lee Female Institute for girls.

We are glad to note that all our denominational schools seem to be prospering.

L. N. BROCK,
JNO. H. ROGERS,
J. A. PACK,
Committee.

Report on Ministerial Education.

This is an age of educational activity. The different States are establishing endowed institutions so that higher education may be put within the reach of all. The different denominations are founding schools and colleges of their own, where the boys and girls of their congregations may find it easier to obtain an education than formerly, and where those who feel laid upon them the burden of souls may have free tuition.

The public school system, too, is doing much to elevate our children, and so there is an advance movement all along the lines. To meet the demands of this increased intelligence, our ministers must be more thoroughly educated that they may be enabled to instruct their hearers and to present the claims of the gospel acceptably. It is folly to say that this is not needed. No one who has kept abreast of the times will say that we ought not to educate them.

If the inspired Apostles needed to learn from the Great Teacher for three years, how much more do we need to study that we may be enabled to do the most good for the Master. Our college, at Clinton, had last year about forty young ministers preparing themselves for a course in our Theological Seminary at Louisville. This grand institution has entered upon the greatest era of prosperity known in this country to such an institution. There were last year 266 in attendance. We would urge upon our young ministers the need of going through both the College and Seminary, taking the full course of each, unless providence prevents.

And now in conclusion we would urge upon our church the necessity of contributing liberally towards the education of those whom the Lord has called into

his work, but who are not able to obtain the needed education unless helped.

Also that we look out for those among us who might become useful ministers and encourage them, not forgetting to "pray the Lord of the harvest that he send more laborers into his harvest field."

C. S. RAY,

C. C. VAUGHAN,

Committee.

Report on Mississippi College.

Whereas, The Mississippi Baptist State Convention, at its session held in Meridian in July, 1892, by an almost unanimous vote decided ordered that Mississippi College should be removed from Clinton to Meridian upon certain stipulations and conditions to be performed by the people of Meridian on or before the 1st of January, 1893; and

Whereas, The people of Meridian complied in every particular with the stipulations and conditions of removal so imposed by the Convention, as certified by the chairman of the committee appointed by the Convention; and

Whereas, The citizens of Clinton set up a claim to Mississippi College, its name, franchises and endowment to the extent that the Convention could not remove the same to Meridian as ordered by the Convention, and announced their determination to prevent such removal by a resort to the courts, and procured a lengthy printed legal opinion from an eminent attorney at law of the State to the effect that the Convention had only a limited right to the College property, etc., and could not remove it, and the will of the Convention has thereby been thwarted and set at naught; and

Whereas, It is of the utmost importance to the denomination that the question of title to the same shall be settled; therefore

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association that the trustees of Mississippi College ought, without delay, to take necessary steps to have the question of full and

complete ownership of the Mississippi College settled so that there will be no question of the right or power of the Baptists of Mississippi to manage and control it according to their will and pleasure.

Report on Publications.

Your committee feel that this subject is of equal importance to any that may be discussed during the setting of this Association.

Tracts of numerous sects and isms are being scattered over the country gratuitously claiming foundation on the scriptures, such as the Holiness, Second Adventists, Seventh Day Adventists and Mormons, leading those not fully established in the faith once delivered to the saints into error and disturbing the peace and happiness of families and disorganizing churches. Through the mails many books, periodicals and papers that should never find lodgement in our household or ever reach the eye of our children, many too vile, profane, obscene and vicious for transmission through the mails are delivered through the express companies and news-boys on the trains. We, as parents and Christians, are under obligations to guard well the kind of literature that our children read.

It behooves us to keep before them wholesome, pure and denominational literature. See that every member of the family own a Bible, and if not an Oxford teachers on Baxters, at least one with references and maps.

Have the Sunday School library filled with books treating on Missions, Temperance doctrine and denominational history and keep the centre table and book case at your homes supplied with such books, papers and periodicals.

While there are many most excellent religious papers published, and while some of them are more ably edited perhaps than our State paper, the Baptist Record, published at Meridian, Miss., yet none of them would be so good for you, because it posts you on all the interests and enterprises fostered by our denomination in the State. It is the organ and medium through which the Convention Board reaches the individual members com-

posing the Associations and Mississippi Baptist State Convention. The more support given the paper the better papers the editors can make it.

We recommend that our Sunday Schools should use the literature of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville, Tenn.; the Teacher's Quarterlies; Kind Words, both weekly and semi-monthly, with lesson leaflets; the Child's Gem and picture cards are the equal of any published in their exegetical, doctrinal and mechanical merits, and equally as cheap, besides the profits all go to the treasury of the Southern Baptist Convention Boards and appropriated through and in conjunction with existing State organizations, prorating their appropriations in part according to the patronage from the respective States and needs of the field. The Board is aiding us in our State Sunday School work at present to the amount of \$300 a year in paying the salary of Bro. Hatch, our Sunday School evangelist, besides many gifts on donations to schools in weak places.

We feel deeply impressed with the belief that you cannot afford to be without the organs of our Mission Boards, viz: The Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va., and the Home Field, published at Atlanta, Ga.

In them you become acquainted with the missionaries, letters from and pictures of them, the needs and success of each field.

The American Baptist Publication Society, at Philadelphia, is a great and good Baptist institution doing a grand work for our denominational interests throughout the entire country, and we bid it God-speed in its noble mission.

W. H. PATTON,
R. C. ROGERS,
J. D. BONNER,

Committee.

Report on Woman's Work.

It was a glad day for our churches when the first movement was made towards organizing the women for

systematic work. It has marked the era of a new life in every department of our work.

More interest has been felt in Missions and the increased contributions to all of our Boards testify to the efficiency of their work.

During the last conventional year there was contributed by them to the Home Board \$26,283.97, being an increase of \$7,041.44 over the previous year.

To the Foreign Board they sent \$36,042.78, an increase of \$11,002.51. This, of course, was from all of the South. In our State work a corresponding increase has been shown.

Last year these societies in our own State raised all told \$8,138.20, and distributed thousands of pages of literature, cards, mission barrels and envelopes.

We would call attention to the movement among them of sending boxes to the frontier missionaries, thus sending joy and gladness into many homes. Information along this line may be had from Miss Annie W. Armstrong, 9 W. Lexington St., Baltimore. Md.

But while we rejoice in the good work that is being done, your committee would suggest that all of the money raised by them should go through the hands of the church treasurer instead of being sent to the "Central Committee" at Jackson.

By doing this there would be no confusion in the church financial reports. As it now stands there is much done that is not reported.

On the other hand, there are times when the same money is reported twice, thus creating a false impression in the opposite direction.

Again, there is a tendency to think of the work of the society as being entirely distinct from that of the church instead of being only one way the church has of doing its work. And many women are unwilling to contribute anything except through the society. Others ignore the obligation resting upon them as church members. And yet again, there would be a good deal of money saved that now has to be paid out for the forwarding of money.

As a remedy for these evils we suggest that the women turn over all money to the Treasurer of the church and handle only his receipt for it. Make him your banker and check on him for what you want, or let him pay it out only upon your order.

In conclusion, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Chickasahay Baptist Association recommend to the women's societies in our churches that they turn all money over to the Treasurer of their church, and handle only his receipt for the same. Also that they train the children to do the same in their societies.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. G. ELLIOTT,

J. W. PATTERSON,

A. C. HULETT,

Committee.

REPORT OF VICE-PRESIDENT OF WOMAN'S WORK FOR CHICKASAHAY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Although the Woman's Mission Societies in this Association have not attained the standard of former years in the amount of their contributions, yet considering the fact that this has been an unusually trying year financially, we see no cause for discouragement.

Nearly every object fostered by our Southern Baptist Convention has been contributed to by one or another of our societies. Quite a number of the societies have contributed to the Centennial Chapel Building fund. The ladies of the Fifteenth Avenue church, Meridian, have sent a box of household necessities to one of our missionaries in the Indian Territory, valued at \$35 or \$40.

Thus our women are showing an interest and a desire to help in every department of our work. So we thank God and take courage.

But while we rejoice over the good that has been accomplished, our hearts are sad over the loss of two of

our most valued workers, Mrs. M. T. Gambrell, by removal to another State, and Mrs. Annie B. Duncan, by death.

Mrs. Gambrell will long be remembered, not only in this Association, but throughout the State, for the helpful articles that formerly appeared in the Record over her signature. She has ever been ready to encourage Woman's Work, both by her pen and her co-operation. Our kindest wishes go with her to her new home.

Mrs. Duncan was the leader in Woman's Work in her church—the Forty-first Avenue, Meridian. She also wielded a wonderful influence over little children. She loved them and they loved her, hence the secret of her success with them. Her Sunday School class, "Little Jewels," was a live Mission band, as their quarterly reports in the Record, which were always promptly sent, fully testified. She was taken away in the midst of her usefulness, but we feel that she has only been promoted to a higher sphere of spiritual activity.

One new society has been organized during the year. A few that were active a few years ago have ceased to work. We yet hope to see some of these again active in the cause.

We now have enrolled sixteen Woman's Mission Societies and five children's bands, making a total of twenty-one active societies.

Amount contributed to all purposes \$1,050.49

This only a partial report, however, as Secretaries have failed to send in reports for this quarter.

Respectfully,

GEORGIE DEES PHILLIPS,
Vice-President of Woman's Work.

Report on Sunday Schools.

A properly conducted Sunday School is one of the most important departments of church work. To neglect it is to leave the training of the young to other denominations, or allow them to drift into the ways of

the world. It is a developing agency and a means of indoctrinating, wisely used, unsurpassed in efficiency.

During the past year there has been an enlargement of the work in the bounds of our Association; not only by increased attendance, but in the establishment of new schools. There seems still to be eight of the thirty-five churches without the semblance of a school, and it is a remarkable fact that only two of them are represented even by letter at the present session.

The Institute, held the day before the Association met, though short, was interesting and profitable. Many vital topics were ably discussed, and the only regret expressed was that more of our schools were not represented. It has been suggested that the Association be divided into two districts, east and west, and that Institutes be held in each twice a year, say on fifth Sundays.

One of the most encouraging signs of the times is the recognition of the importance of the work by the State Board in the appointment of a special evangelist. Brother B. N. Hatch, an active, consecrated Baptist, is this evangelist, and we commend him and his work to the churches.

There have been many changes in the methods of carrying on the Sunday School work; but its grand object remains the same, which is to study God's word, and impress the truth upon the minds and hearts of the young while they are with us. In trying to do this, too much reliance is placed on "helps" sometimes, instead of appealing to the Bible, and that alone for faith and practice.

In conclusion, let it be urged that our churches "think on these things" lest they be like those of old of whom it is written, "My people do not consider." The following is therefore recommended:

Resolved, That the Association be divided into two districts, the east embracing the churches on and contiguous to the M. & O. R. R., and the west those nearer the N. O. & N. E. R. R., with a separate committee appointed by the Moderator for each, to organize and conduct Institutes therein when practicable, and in churches off the railroad as far as possible.

Resolved, That the formation of new schools be encouraged, and that they be under Baptist control; under no circumstances co-operating where other literature is used than the Bible, guided it may be, by the helps of our own societies.

Resolved, That we especially recommend the helps published by the Southern Baptist Board at Nashville, and also those of the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, to be used in connection with the Bible, and as helps only, to be left at home instead of being brought to the class.

L. A. DUNCAN,
J. SUMRALL,
B. S. RAMEY,
Committee.

Report on Sustentation.

There is no more important matter or one more solemnly and sacredly enjoined by the teachings of the Savior than that of providing for the poor. It is of the very essence of Christianity. That is to say, it is a distinguishing characteristic of Christianity to sympathize with and to aid the poor and the distressed. But your committee want to emphasize the fact that the churches do not have a full appreciation of their duty as bodies of Christ in this regard, and by this neglect of a solemn duty they have alienated many from them, and caused many to stay away who would otherwise have cast all their labors with the churches.

The neglect to provide for the indigent poor by the churches, has not only cast a shadow upon our Christianity, but it has created the necessity for almost innumerable organizations that to-day exist all over the land, dividing the honors with the churches, and many of them claiming to be more beneficent and Christ-like than the churches. Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Honor, Knights of Pythias and Knights of Labor and

hundreds of other organizations have their very existence based upon the idea of mutual helps during life, and provision for the dependent ones after death. It is natural for every intelligent person to feel some concern about his temporal needs in the future; a desire to provide against accidents, misfortunes and casualties is natural to all intelligent persons. Our religion imposes upon us the duty of helping each other. "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ" is the law of Christian conduct as much to-day as it was among the early Christians.

But there is imposed upon us a special duty to provide for our indigent superannuated ministers and for the indigent widows and orphans of deceased ministers.

These messengers of the good tidings of divine love and redemption through Christ ought to have assurances from the churches that when old age comes to them they will be provided with all needed comforts of life, and that after death their loved ones shall likewise be provided for.

To that end your committee believe a permanent fund ought to be raised and invested by our Convention Board in good interest, bearing securities, the interest of which would constitute a fund for the relief of superannuated ministers and their widows and orphans.

We believe our pastors ought to frequently bring this matter to the attention of the churches and urge upon them the importance of making regular contributions to this object. These contributions need not be large. A small sum from every Baptist in the State would soon create a Sustentation Fund that would be ample to provide for all the indigent superannuated ministers in the State.

W. H. HARDY,
J. F. MARTIN,
T. D. PRESCOTT,
Committee.

Report on Temperance.

The Christian people are to be congratulated upon the rapid progress of the cause of Temperance, not only within the bounds of this Association, but that sixty-

six out of seventy-six of the counties in this State are under prohibition. Your committee are rejoiced to report that, so far as they are able to ascertain, not a whisky saloon exists within the bounds of the Chickasaw Association. With a voting element from whom the friends of the saloon drew a large proportion of their support at the ballot box, disfranchised by the State Constitution, and a strong determination on the part of God's people to continue the war of extermination until the last saloon is driven from the soil of our State, we feel to believe that the saloon must go, and that the happy day is dawning when there will not be an open whisky saloon upon Mississippi soil. We further report the jug traffic, which has been carried on extensively by the liquor men and their customers in order to defeat prohibition, is also on the decline, and if Christians will stand firm against this "matchless evil," relax none of their efforts for its destruction, we believe that ere long our State will be rid of its baneful influences. And to that end we recommend that we reaffirm the resolutions adopted at the last session of this Association, viz :

Resolved 1st. That it is the sense of this Association, that, for any minister or church member to visit saloons, sign whisky petitions, go on bonds of liquor sellers, vote for the sale or in any way countenance or encourage the traffic of intoxicating liquors, is un-Christian conduct and should be brought under church discipline.

Resolved 2nd. That we will withdraw from any church and refuse to receive any church failing or refusing to enforce discipline as set forth in the foregoing resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. HARDY,
W. B. ROBINSON,
JESSE CARTER,
Committee.

Report on Colportage.

Your committee have no data upon which to base a report on Colportage within the bounds of this Association. The Convention Board was requested at our last

session to appoint one or two colporteurs for this Association. That has not been done, so there is nothing to report.

But your committee are sensible to the great importance of this work. This is an age of literature. Everybody now reads. Public thought and sentiment are now largely formed and led by the press. We cannot, as a denomination, ignore this fact. We must circulate our religious literature among the people. But just how best to do that is the question. If the Convention Board could or would appoint a General Colporteur for the State and supply the literature, this General Colporteur could appoint assistants in every district Association, and thus organized, a great work could be done. In the event the Convention Board should not appoint a General Colporteur for the State, then the question is whether, we, as an Association, should undertake such a work ourselves within our bounds.

In the absence of any funds for that purpose, your committee could not recommend such undertaking. The most the committee can do is to recommend that the churches take up collections for Colportage, and so soon as a fund is accumulated sufficient for the purpose the Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer of the Association, as a committee, appoint a Colporteur for this Association.

Signed by the committee,

C. C. DUNN,
J. R. FARISH,
C. S. RAY.

Report on Rawls Springs High School.

Your committee appointed at the last session of this body to investigate Rawls Springs High School, beg leave to report the following facts, to-wit:

Five acres of land were donated to trustees named in the deed and their successors with three conditions:

1st. The school should be opened within six months

after the date of the deed and should be managed and controlled by the Baptist denomination.

2nd. That the property should be used solely for purposes of the school.

3rd. That upon failure to comply with the conditions of the deed or to keep the school open for twelve consecutive months, the property shall revert to the granters.

They further report that there is a debt of between one and two hundred dollars due and owing upon the school building, and that the building is now in need of some repairs. That Miss Emma Rawls is now engaged in teaching the school, with twenty-three pupils, children from the immediate neighborhood.

Your committee having reported the facts as far as they can ascertain them, beg to be discharged.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. HARDY,
J. D. BONNER,
Committee.

Report on Nominations.

Your committee on Nominations submit the following report: We nominate Enterprise as the place of holding the next session of this Association, and Thursday at 10 A. M., before the fourth Sunday in September 1894, as the time, and that Elder Charles G. Elliott preach the Associational Sermon and Elder L. N. Brock be his alternate.

We nominate Elder O. D. Bowen as delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, and Elder W. J. David as alternate. The Southern Baptist Convention meets at Dallas, Texas, Thursday before the second Sunday in May, 1894.

We nominate the following brethren as delegates to the Baptist State Convention, which will meet at Winona Thursday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1894: Jeff D. Bonner, N. C. Hill, J. P. Myer, J. A.

Pack, W. M. Sprinkle, J. H. Rodgers, B. I. Ramey, D. T. Beard, T. J. Woodward, L. A. Duncan, J. A. Hackett, W. J. David, C. G. Elliott, J. R. Farish, J. W. Bozeman, W. H. Hardy, C. F. Woods, G. L. Donald, J. M. Davis, T. B. Bonner, W. H. Patton, L. N. Brock, B. F. Harris, C. C. Dunn and Jacob Sumrall.

We recommend that any of the delegates above so nominated, that may be present at the session of the Convention, are hereby authorized to fill out their quota from any brethren from this Association that may be in attendance at such Convention, if all the delegates above nominated are not present.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. PARKER,
J. N. MELTON,
W. H. ELKINS,
Committee.

Pledges for State Missions and Sunday School Work.

PLEDGES FOR STATE MISSIONS.

Buckatunna.....	\$ 20 00
Clear Creek.....	10 00
Concord.....	5 00
DeSoto.....	30 00
Ellisville.....	50 00
Enterprise.....	20 00
Eastabuchie.....	20 00
Fairfield.....	10 00
Fairmount.....	5 00
Forty-first Avenue.....	50 00
Fifteenth Avenue.....	25 00
Highland.....	25 00
Harmony.....	10 00
Heidleberg.....	10 00
Laurel.....	10 00

Meridian.....	100 00
Mt. Zion.....	10 00
Narkeeta.....	5 00
New Hope.....	5 00
Pachuta, J. H. Rogers.....	2 50
Poplar Springs.....	10 00
Quitman.....	10 00
Salem.....	20 00
Sandersville.....	40 00
Shubuta.....	20 00
State Line.....	10 00
South Side.....	10 00
Oak Grove.....	5 00
Barnett.....	5 00
Total.....	<u>\$552 50</u>

PLEDGES FROM SUNDAY SCHOOLS FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL
WORK.

Forty-first Avenue.....	\$ 5 00
Shubuta.....	5 00
Highland.....	2 00
South Side.....	1 00
Total.....	<u>\$13 00</u>

FOR PACHUTA CHURCH.

Quitman.....	5 00
Clear Creek.....	5 00
Buckatunna.....	3 00
Concord.....	3 00
DeSoto (paid 25cts).....	5 00

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10 00	Eastabuchie	5 00
5 00	Fairfield	5 00
5 00	Forty-first Avenue	5 00
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Letter From Oak Grove Church.

OAK GROVE CHURCH,)
4 miles north of Shubuta, Miss. }

To the churches composing the Chickasahay Association:

BRETHREN—We have lately organized a church and have no house. It will take \$200 more than we can raise on the field to build. We earnestly solicit aid from your churches, to be sent to

JACOB SUMRALL, Church Clerk.
P. O. Shubuta, Miss.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. The name of this body shall be the Chickasahay Baptist Association.

ART. 2. Its object shall be the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom, by the concentration of Christian labor ; the inculcation of Bible Truth and the cultivation of friendly intercourse among the churches.

ART. 3. Members of the Association may be of two classes, viz : delegates and messengers, the first class only having the right to vote, and to produce evidence of their appointment by the churches which they propose to represent before being entitled to seats.

ART. 4. Each church belonging to the Association shall be entitled to two delegates until its membership shall exceed fifty, and an additional delegate for each fifty members thereafter, provided that ministers who are members of any such churches; but supply other pulpits, may be appointed as additional delegates above the regular quota.

ART. 5. The Association shall only have the power of an advisory council, and shall in no wise infringe upon the rights or independence of the churches.

ART. 6. No queries shall be considered by the Association unless regularly sent up through the churches, nor shall difficulties between the churches be discussed until other methods of settlement have been tried without avail.

ART. 7. The Association shall meet annually, as may be agreed upon ; and, after enrolling the names of the delegates, proceed by ballot to the election of a Moderator and Clerk who shall be ex-officio Treasurer of the Association.

ART. 8. The duties of the various officers shall be similar to those of all deliberate bodies, and Mell's Parliamentary Manual shall be the basis of all decisions of order.

ART. 9. Churches holding the Articles of Faith adopted by this body, may become members of the Association by a unanimous vote; and letters of dismissal may be obtained, without assigning a reason

therefor, by the concurrence of a majority, while the Association claims the right of withdrawing from such churches as it shall deem heterodox or disorderly.

ART. 10. The Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of the Association by a vote of three-fourths of the delegates present; provided the proposed alteration or amendment shall have been submitted at the session immediately preceding.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost—equal in power and Glory.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old Testament and New were written by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice

3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, of total depravity and of man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

4. We believe that God chose his people, in Jesus Christ, before the foundation of the world, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.

6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth; and he has commanded it to be preached to every creature, therefore all are required to obey.

7. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and the only evidence of justification; and that all believers will abound therein from a principle of love.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, the just and the unjust; the general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that a visible Church of Christ is composed of faithful persons only, who have covenanted to keep up a discipline agreeable to the New Testament.

10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only law-giver of his church and that the government is with the church, each member having equal right therein.

11. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the ordinances of the church, and are to be continued until the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

12. We believe that immersion alone is Baptism, and can be administered only by those duly set apart by the church, and that believers in Christ only are the proper subjects for the ordinance.

13. We believe that regular baptized believers only have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. All meetings of this Association shall be opened with prayer and closed by praise or benediction.
2. The officers of the Association shall hold their positions until successors are chosen.
3. The Moderator shall preside, or some brother whom he may designate while speaking, and shall preserve order; his decisions being final, unless an appeal is immediately made to the body.
4. Only one member shall speak at the time, who shall rise and address the Moderator.
5. No member shall be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject under discussion, or use personal reflections.
6. Every motion made and seconded shall be put to a vote, unless withdrawn by the mover.
7. After allowing due time for debate, all questions taken up shall be disposed of before any other motion can be entertained.
8. No member shall speak more than once upon the same subject without permission of the Association, nor shall any practice be tolerated which interrupts speaking.
9. Members shall use the term brother, when speaking of each other, and shall be rebuked by the Moderator for violation of these rules.
10. These rules may be altered or amended at any annual meeting by a two-third vote of the members present.

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STATISTICAL

CHURCHES.	POST-OFFICES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	Baptized.	By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Dropped.	Total Membership.	Sunday School scholars.	Officers and Teachers.	Pastor's Salary.
Augusta	Augusta	L. E. Hall .....	.....								54			*
Big Creek	Not represented	.....	.....								73			
Buckatunna	Buckatunna	Wilson West	T. J. Johnson	1	2		13				39	24	7	60 00
Barnett	Barnett	C. C. Vaughan .....	.....		1						11	43		
Clear Creek	Shubuta	L. N. Brock	W. B. Falconer	4	4	1	5		1		71	34	3	75 00
Concord	Shubuta	L. N. Brock	Luther Beard	7			7		1		60	40	5	
DeSoto	DeSoto	H. A. Pickard	C. H. Meeks	12	4	1	15	1		9	70	33	7	65 00
Ellisville	Ellisville	O. D. Bowen	J. M. Bush	8	24	1	7				156	138	10	500 00
Eastabuchie	Eastabuchie	O. D. Bowen	H. H. McComb		4		3	1			47	53	5	150 00
Enterprise	Enterprise	J. A. Hackett	H. R. Ward	2	7		4		1		53	45	5	212 00
Fairfield	Eucutta	J. O. Crawford	Wyatt Martin	13		2	2	2	1		112	15	2	75 00
Fairmount	Shubuta .....	.....	.....	6							52			
Forty-first Avenue	Meridian	Chas. G. Elliott	C. F. Royals	11	31		12	6	5	2	156	154	13	800 00
Fifteenth Avenue	Meridian	W. J. David	T. L. Myers	6	29		24	1			178	150	12	720 00
Highland	Meridian	J. R. Farish	E. D. McRaven		11		3				46	40	5	302 50
Harmony	DeSoto	J. O. Crawford	D. R. Red, Jr.	2	3		2				61			50 00
Heidleberg	Heidleberg	L. M. Stone	S. Q. Donald								22			125 00
Hepzibah	Shubuta .....	.....	.....								53			
Lauderdale	Lauderdale .....	.....	.....								9			
Laurel	Laurel	M. G. Turner	G. W. Denham	1	10		1	1	2		72	50	8	100 00
Meridian	Meridian	J. W. Bozeman	A. S. Bozeman	16	26		36	3	5		354	226	28	1500 00
Mt. Zion	Winchester	Wilson West	S. D. O'Gwin	6	4	3	5	2	2		80	22	6	160 00
Narkeeta	Narkeeta .....	.....	.....									15		
New Hope	Tokio	H. M. Mason	J. L. Gray		1						20			40 00
Oak Grove	Shubuta	R. W. Sumrall	J. Sumrall								18			
Pachuta	Pachuta	C. C. Vaughan	Jno. H. Rogers	1	3		5				74	40	6	120 00
Hoplar Springs	Meridian .....	.....	.....								40			
Quitman	Quitman	L. N. Brock	J. K. Kirkland	3	3	1	2				43	23	4	150 00
Salem	Waynesboro	T. E. Tucker	G. D. Best	12	8	2	4	3	2		140	62	6	150 00
Sandersville	Sandersville	O. D. Bowen	A. McDaniel	11	19		3				83	66	4	150 00
Shubuta	Shubuta	L. N. Brock	W. H. Patton	1	14		9				69	60	8	200 00
State Line	State Line	W. S. C. Pepper	W. L. Ethridge		6		10		1		51	30	2	200 00
South Side	Meridian	J. R. Farish	C. C. Dunn		8					29	19	65	11	120 00
Thompson's Creek	Not represented	.....	.....								39			
Vossburg	Vossburg .....	.....	.....											
Yellow Creek	Not represented	.....	.....											
Total				123	224	11	172	20	21	40	2425	1430	157	\$5,064 50

EXPLANATORY NOTES—The total membership of Augusta, Big Creek, Hepzibah, Lauderdale and Thompson's C. reported by some one who happened to know of it and the number in attendance.—The church at Heidelburg reports above.—All money reported for the Centennial Fund is incorporated equally in the amounts for Home and Foreign M. for Home and State Missions.—The amount for the new church by the Meridian church is incorporated in the miscell

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Total Membership.	Sunday School scholars	Officers and Teachers.	Pastor's Salary	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Mississippi College.	Ministerial Education.	Sustentation.	Baptist Bible Society.	Church Expenses.	Sunday school expenses	Miscellaneous.	Associational purposes.	Total.	
54			\$			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$			\$	\$	\$	
73															50	
39	24	7	60 00								11 85	8 00		75	80 60	
11	43															
71	34	3	75 00		2 50	2 50					1 72	2 50		1 00	85 22	
60	40	5		10 00	3 00	2 60						13 15		1 20	29 95	
70	33	7	65 00	52 70	1 65	1 65					1 50	7 50	10 00	2 50	142 50	
156	138	10	500 00	43 18	93 10	20 85		2 50	5 00		50 00	25 50	110 85	7 65	858 63	
47	53	5	150 00	7 90	11 66	3 55		1 60	1 65		3 50	4 20	24 40	2 50	210 96	
53	45	5	212 00	17 45	20 00	6 45					30 00	20 00	31 25	2 50	339 65	
112	15	2	75 00		10 00						200 00	5 00	25 00	2 50	317 50	
52					2 60										3 40	
156	154	13	800 00	73 03	48 88	60 50	15 00	35 00			155 80	74 20	381 77	3 00	1,647 18	
178	150	12	720 00	57 50	55 50	74 20	10 00	42 75	3 00		356 75	95 00	205 00	2 50	1,652 50	
46	40	5	302 50	14 75	4 80			10 00			46 15	20 00	393 45	2 00	863 65	
61			50 00	4 00									10 00	75	64 75	
22			125 00	5 00		5 00							21 00	9 25	165 25	
53																
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72	50	8	100 00	5 00		5 50					125 00	10 00		1 50	247 00	
354	226	28	1500 00	90 00	127 05	94 60		45 00			598 69	115 23	4,863 16	5 00	7,438 73	
80	22	6	160 00	7 50	3 80						58 00	3 50	14 85	2 00	189 65	
	15															
20			40 00											8 35	48 35	
18														2 50	2 50	
74	40	6	120 00		2 00	2 00					483 78	6 00	33 50	1 75	649 03	
40								4 00						2 30	6 30	
43	25	4	150 00	6 00		1 00		75			21 00	3 80		1 25	183 80	
140	62	6	150 00	17 00	10 25	11 90								4 10	193 25	
83	66	4	150 00	5 42	21 80	6 42		1 65	1 65		10 00	10 00	16 76	3 00	226 70	
69	60	8	200 00	32 50	5 00	5 00		5 00		4 25	28 50	29 68	67 75	2 50	380 18	
51	30	2	200 00								2 50	4 00		1 00	207 50	
19	65	11	120 00	1 50							40 00	16 00		1 00	178 50	
39																
10	2425	1430	157	\$5,064 50	\$450 43	\$423 59	\$303 72	\$35 00	\$ 148 25	\$11 30	4 25	\$2,254 74	\$ 473 26	\$6 208 74	\$75 65	\$16,353 43

derdale and Thompson's Creek churches is taken from last report from said churches.—The Narkeeta Sunday School was church at Heidelberg reports a Union Sunday School with twenty scholars and two teachers. It is not reported in statistics for Home and Foreign Missions.—All money reported for "General Missions" is incorporated equally in the amounts incorporated in the miscellaneous column.

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